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> Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2007 2:49 PM
> To: Novak, Becky; Trombley, Steve; Huyck, Terl;
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> Subject: RE: Bill Wyatt
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> That does help - Steve, you were right that it might
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- > Petronis, Dainius
- > Subject: RE: Bill Wyatt

- > So do we know if he works for the mayor or for the
- > city (and related to
- > this is he a political appointee or a civil
- > servant who's been around
- > awhile)?

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> To: Trombley, Steve; Huyck, Teri; Petronis, Dainius
> Fischman, Tracy
> Subject: Bill Wyatt
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His official title is the Director of Community
> Development for the City
of Aurora
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His phone number is (630) 844-3627
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Rebecca Novak
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Director, Field Operations
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mjkasper 60@aol.com 09/18/2007 09:32 AM

To jburden@hinshawtaw.com

CC

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Subject Fwd: What's the address of Kank?

----Original Message----

From: Steve Trombley <stevetrombley@yahoo.com>

To: mjkasper60@aol.com

Sent: Mon, 17 Sep 2007 9:31 am

Subject: Fwd: FW: What's the address of Kank?

- > Email #1
- > ----Original Message----
- > From: Novak, Becky
- > Sent: Thursday, February 22, 2007 12:17 PM
- > To: Huyck, Teri; Trombley, Steve
- > Cc: Fischman, Tracy
- > Subject: RE: What's the address of Kank?
- > Just got off the phone with Bill Wyatt in which he
- > informed me that the
- > address we gave him was already owned by someone
- > else. I explained
- > about the letter of intent and now "it all makes
- > sense" so we're all
- > good, he already checked on the permits for Gemini
- > and everything is all
- > set (obviously) so he is talking to the mayor today



"Michael J. Kasper"
<mjkasper60@vzw.blackberr
y.net>
09/18/2007 10:25 AM

To "Jenny Burden" <jburden@hinshawlaw.com>
cc
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Subject Fw: Fwd: FW: Mayor meeting

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Please print
Sent from my Verizon Wireless BlackBerry
----Original Message----
From: Steve Trombley <stevetrombley@yahoo.com>
Date: Tue, 18 Sep 2007 08:08:44
To:mjkasper60@aol.com
Subject: Fwd: FW: Mayor meeting
--- "Trombley, Steve" <Stevet@ppca.org> wrote:
> Subject: FW: Mayor meeting
> Date: Tue, 18 Sep 2007 09:28:36 -0500
> From: "Trombley, Steve" <Stevet@ppca.org>
> To: <stevetrombley@yahoo.com>
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> From: Knaub, Sara
> Sent: Tuesday, March 06, 2007 1:58 PM
> To: Fischman, Tracy; Novak, Becky; Huyck, Teri;
> Trombley, Steve
> Subject: Mayor meeting
> In one of our last meetings someone mentioned
> meeting with the Mayor of
> Aurora. I assume that you put materials together
> for that meeting and I
> was wondering if I could get copies of them.
> would probably be
> helpful for me in the near future. Thanks much.
> sara
> Sara Knaub
> Director of Communications
> Planned Parenthood/Chicago Area
> 18 S. Michigan Ave., 6th Fl.
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FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2007 CITY OF CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF PROCUREMENT SERVICES

Sealed Bids/Proposals, will be received by the City of Chicago, on the date and time, (Chicago Time), stated for those specific Bids/Proposals listed below, in 800m 301, City Hall, 121 Morth LaSalte Street, Chicago, Illinois at which time and place, 8145/Proposals will be opened and publicity read aloud for the following:

DESCRIPTION: E-85 AND DIESEL SPORT UTILITY VEHICLES SPECIFICATION NO.: 55349 RFO NUMBER: 2497

PRE-BID/PROPOSAL CONFERENCE: NON-MANDATORY DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2007 TIME: 9:30 A.M. (COATION: CITY OF CHICAGO TIME: 9:30 A.M.:
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BIO/PROPOSAL OPENING DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2007 TIME: 11:00 A.M. CONTACT: Ahmad N. Nayamuli Phone: 312-744-9761

Bids/Proposals requiring a Bids/Proposals deposit, must be accompanied by a bid boat, provided by a surely company authorized to do business in the State of Illinois, or the equivalent in the form of a cashier's check, or money order, in the amount stated drawn on a responsible bank, or financial institution doing business in the Julied States, and made payable to the City of Chicago. Cash, non-certilied checks or compitotler certificates, are not acceptable forms of Bids/Proposals deposits. Phone: 312-744-9761 E-mail: anayamuth@cityofchicago.org

Any Bids/Proposals submitted, which are not properly signed, or accompanied by an acceptable form of deposal, will be considered non-esponsive, and the bid will be disqualitied from considered non-esponsive, and the bid will be disqualitied from consideration. Any late Bids/Proposals received alter amounced able and time, for the opening of Bids/Proposals, will not be accepted.

Chizago, which are submitted on documents provided by the City of Chizago, which are available in the Department of Procurement Services, Bid and Bond Room, Room 301, City Hell, Chicago, Illinois, 312-744-9773.

Where applicable, copies of specifications, plans, and drawings amon be obtained by placing a deposit in the amount specified above, IOC setil set of documents. The City will only accepting chiefly considered the plan specified chucks, cashler's checks, or money outlers. The plan specified the setunded upon the return of said documents, in good condition, within the (10) calendar days after the bid opening date. Failure to return said documents, with opening said copening date. Failure to return said documents within the period stated above, will result in the Bidders/Proposers forfeiting the plan deposit.

The above Bids/Proposals estimated range, is intended to represent the size of the project, or anticipated usage. The Chiel Procurement Ollicer, reserves the right to reject any or all Bics.Proposals if deemed in the best interest of the City of Chicago.

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A COMPLETE LIST OF BID OPENINGS CAN BE FOUND ON THE INTERNET <http://www.cityofchicago.org/purchasing/>

The above notice of pubic hearing its regulated by settion 1470 (in the internal the Review Code of 1986, as amended. At the time and place set for the public hearing, residents, lavopers and other interested persons will be given the opportunity to excress their views for or against the proposed profiled and the Bonds. Written comments may also be submitted to the Internet Securities Objector of the Authority at her office located at 180 North Sterson Avenue, Suite 2555, Chicago, Illimuis 60601, until May 4, 2007.

In accordance will the Americans with Otsabilities Act ("ADA"), if any person with a death of the Authority at 180 (1918) (1

(s) Jill Rendleman Interim Executive Director Illinois Finance Authority

CHA 2007 SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM

Prepare and deliver breakfast meals and cold and hot funches to approximately 145 sites within the City of Chicago for the Summer Food Program that feeds children during the summer. Invitation for Bid No. 01509 CHA invites Food Management Companies to Submit Bids to: Time Period:

Delivery must be made in a limely fashion in order to ensure meal service at the properly approved times. June 18, 2007 through August 31, 2007, including a special event on or about September 1, 2007.

Estimated Quantitles: This program will serve approximately 12,000 breaklast meals and 16,000 lunches per day at approximately 145 different sites.

Bid Security Required: 5% of the bid. If awarded a Contract, the Contractor must furnish a Performance Bond, in the amount of 10% of the estimated value of the contract. The surety company must appear on the U.S. Treasury Circular No. 570 published annually in the Federal Register.

All questions should be submitted in writing and faxed to Sandra Freeman at 312-953-5855 or E-mailed to <u>streeman@thecha.ord</u> no later than Friday, April 27, 2007 at 12:00 p.m., Local Jime.

BID DUE DATE/BIDS TO BE OPENED MONDAY, MAY 7, 2007 AT: 10:00 A.M. LOCAL TIME 60 E. VAN BUREN, CHICAGO, IL 13TH FLOOR

This contract shall be subject to the applicable compliance standards and procedures of Executive Order No. 11246, as amended, Equal Opportunity, and other provisions as specifically set forth in the specifications.

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Note: Program guidelines stipulate the Food Service Management Company visats agree to provide accurate and final biling for services to the organization within thirty (30) days following the end of the billing period.

Invitation for Bid Number (1509 and further information may be obtained by contacting Sandra Burson-Freeman at (312) 913-5854

Thosi's approval of Section 147(i) of the infernal Revenue Code of 1986. At the time and place set forth above all interested parties may appear and be heard. Written comments may also be submitted to the Inferior Section of the Illinois Authority at her ordice located at two Prodential Plaza, of 1980 worth Season Avenue, Sulta 2555, Chicago, Illinois 60601, until May 3, 2007. After the public hearing the Governor of the State of limois will consider any naccordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") if any person with a disability as defined by the Olorado Authority. The Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA") if any person with a disability as defined by the An needs special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, then not later than May 3, 2007, the or site production of the State of the State of the State of the State of the Americans with the Americans of the Contract of the Indoor Authority at (312) 551-1300.

Notice Dated: April 20, 2007

Jill Rendleman Interim Executive Director Illinois Finance Authority

. Notice of Public Hearing

PUBIC NOTICE is thereby given that on May 4, 2007, et 9:00 A.M., in the offices of the Illinoise Finance Authority (the "Authority") at 427 East Monroe Street, Suite 202, Springfield, Illinois E62701, a public heading will be held before the interim Executive Directury of the Authority, or the designee, regarding the proposed Susance by the Authority of variable state demand fevenue bonds as hereinafter described (the "Bonds"). The proceeds of the Bonds will be leased to Plannee Parenthood/Chicago Aea, an Illinois and for profit corporation (the "Corporation") and Bonds will be issued in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$14,000.000 and the proceeds thereof will be used, together with other available funds: (i) to pay and reimburse Germin for acquiring, constructing, installing and equipping a healthcare center cocated at 240 N, addivisit fortive, and any and equipping and equipping and equipping are center of the Corporation for use in its Chicago Aerenue. Chicago, Illinois 50651 and 17261-17258 down Hastled Steller, Chicago, March 18626, (ii) for other capital costs of the Corporation for use in its Chicago and suburban facilities incated at the above referenced locations as well as Ranne Random (Charles Chicago, Illinois 60631; 1557 North Aurors Amon Apprehence, Chicago, Illinois 60632; 1557 North Aurors Amon Apprehence, Chicago, Illinois 60632; 1557 North Aurors Amon Apprehence, Chicago, Illinois 60632; 1557 North Aurors Amon Apprehence, Chicago, Illinois 60631; 1557 North Aurors Amon Apprehence, Chicago, Illinois 60631; 1557 North Aurors Amon Apprehence, Chicago, Illinois 60631; 1557 North Aurors Amon Apprehence, Chicago, Illinois 60632; 1557 North Aurors Amon Apprehence, Chicago, Illinois 60631; 1557 North Aurors Amon Apprehence, Chicago, Illinois 60631; 1557 North Aurors Amon Apprehence, Chicago, Illinois 60631; 1557 North Aurors Amon Apprehence, Chicago, Illinois 60641; 1547 North Apprehence, Chicago, Illinois 60641; 1548 Aurors Arthard Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60641; 1548 Aurors Arthard Aven

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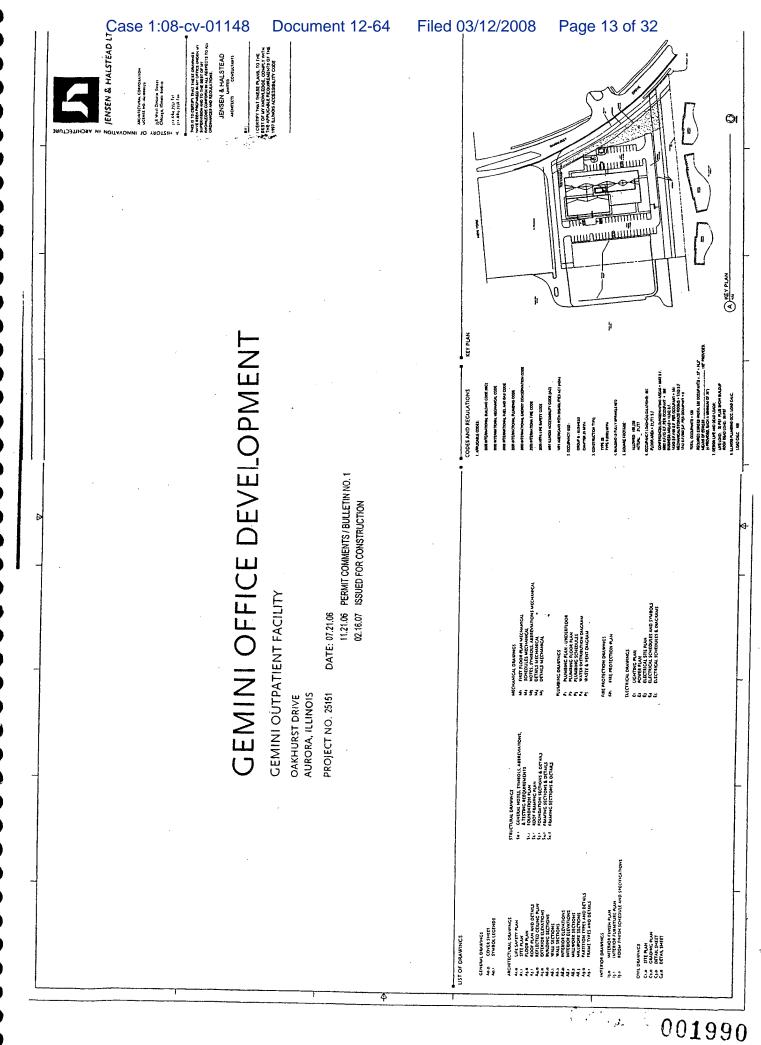
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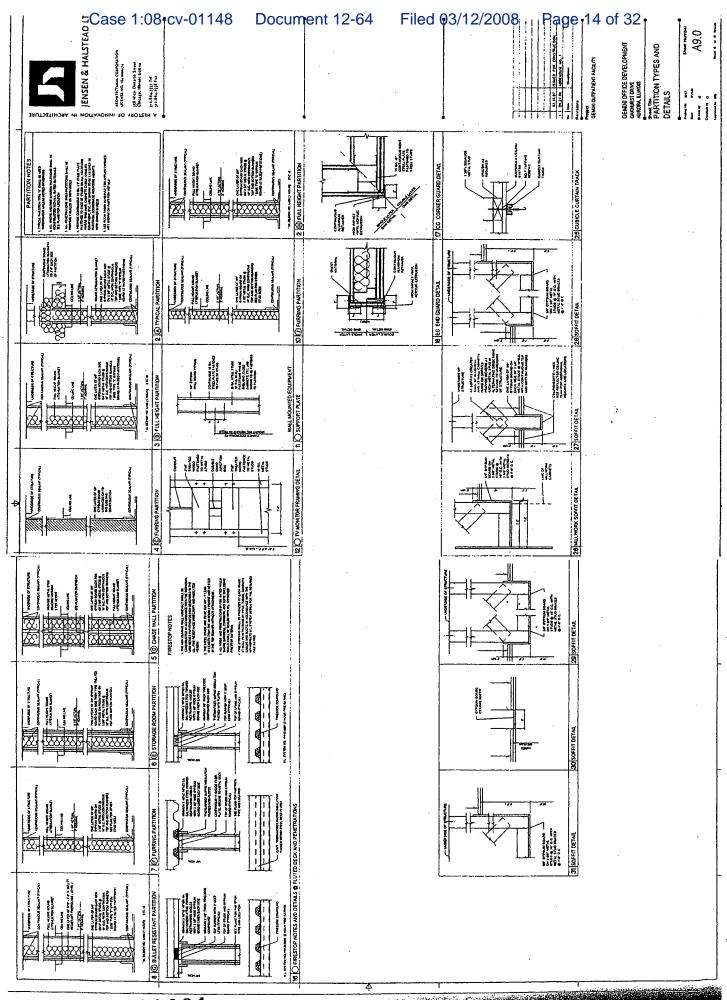
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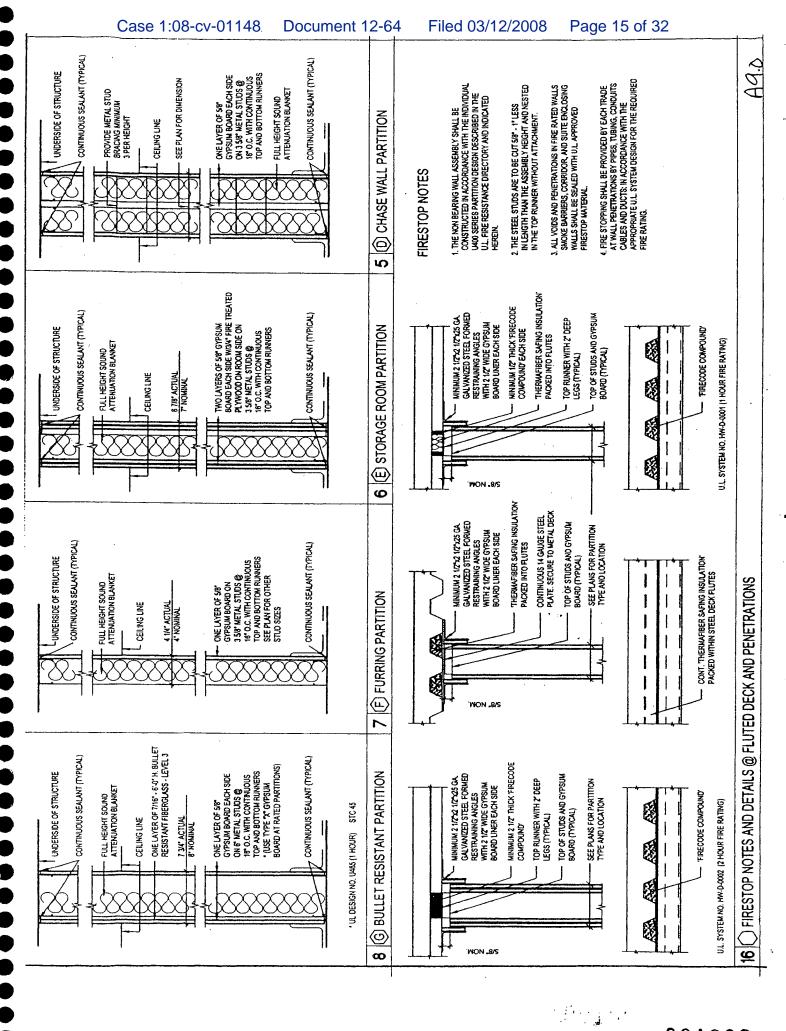
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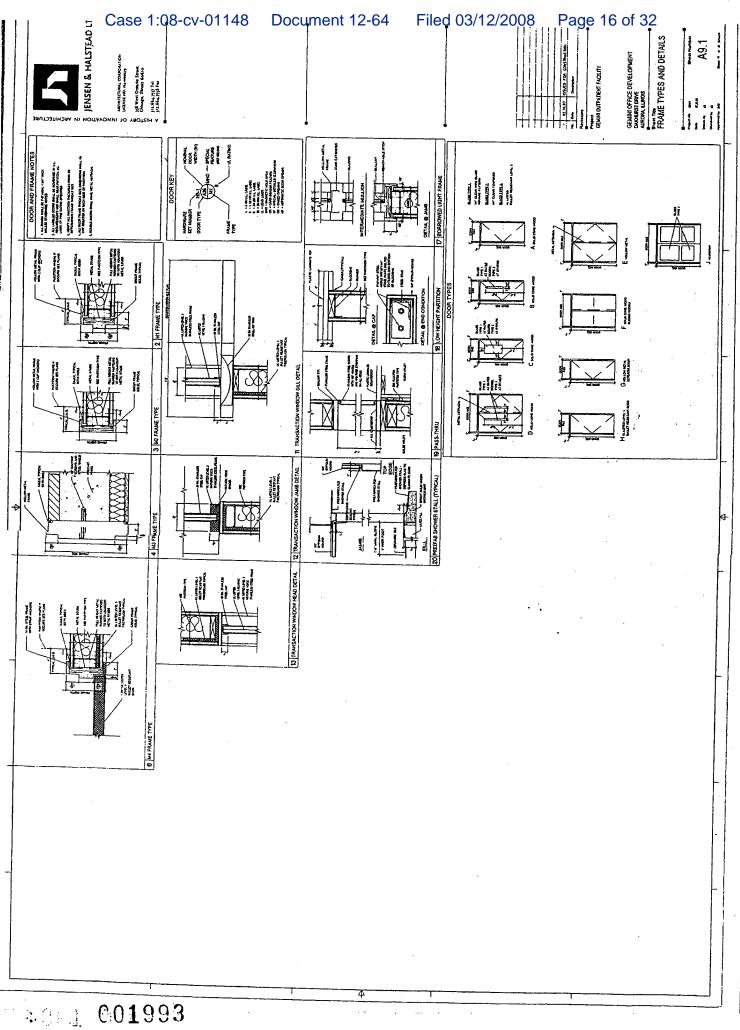
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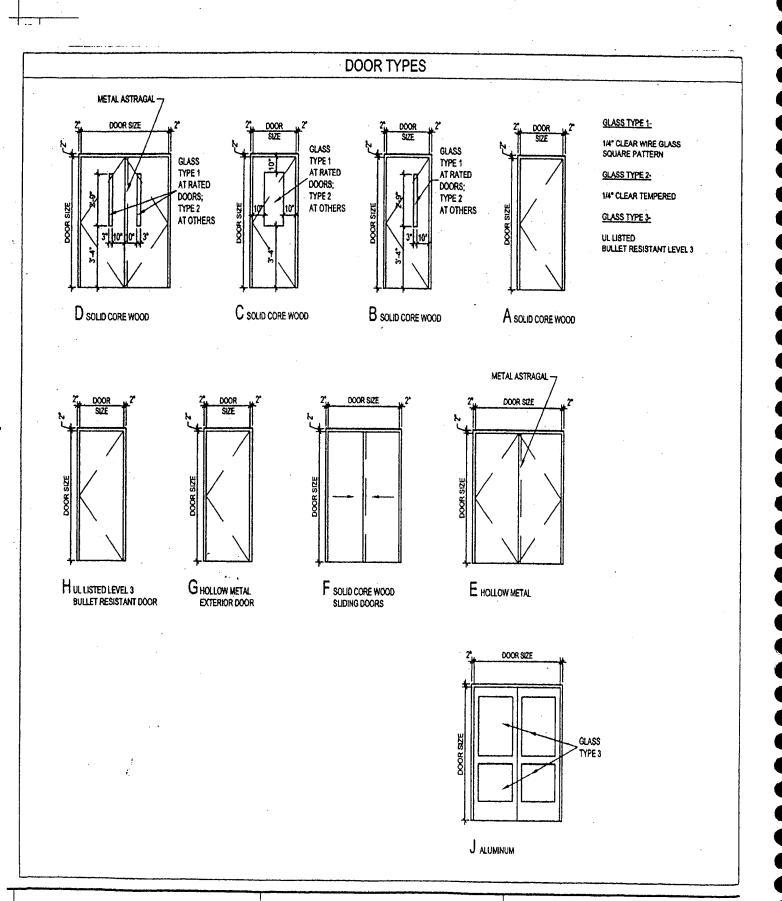
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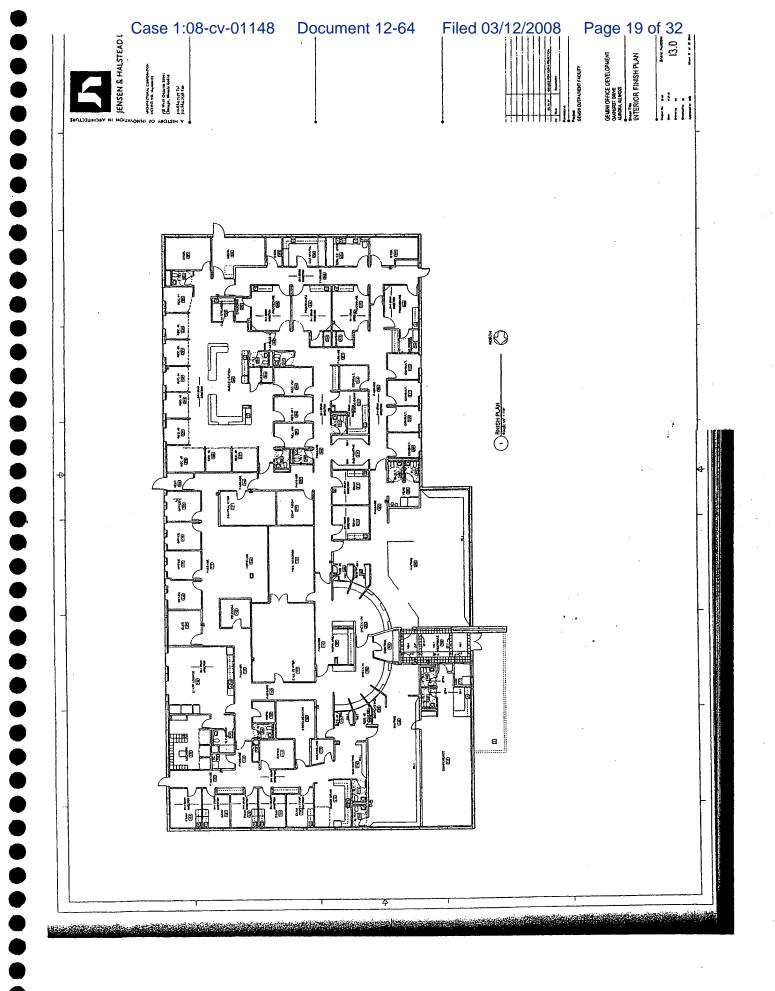


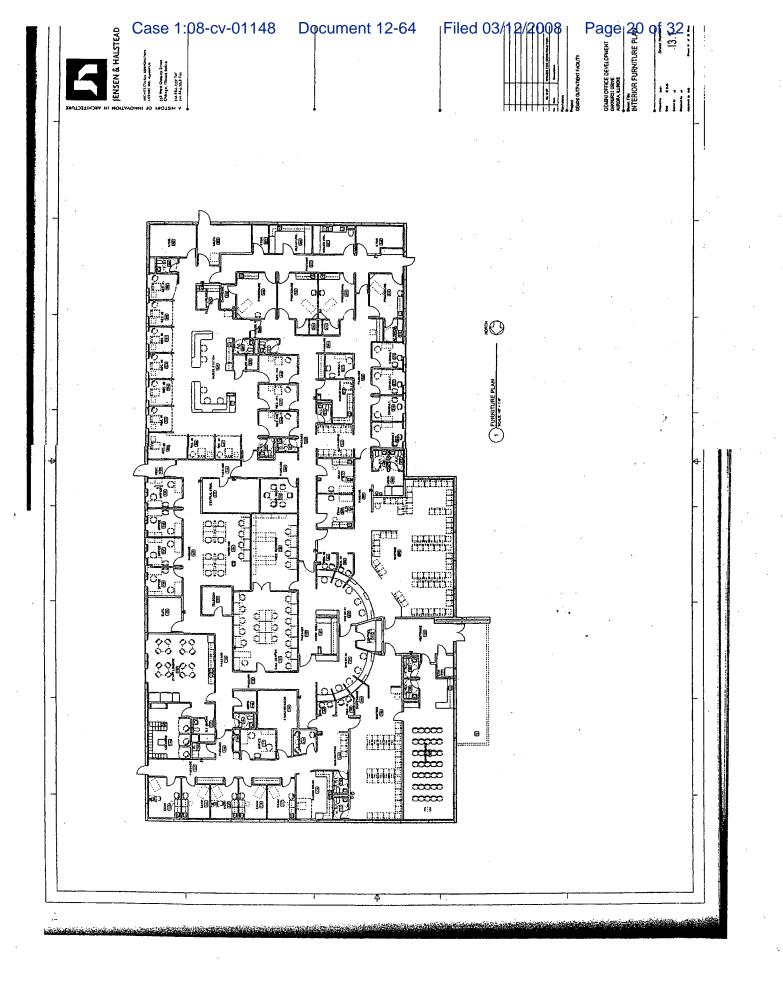


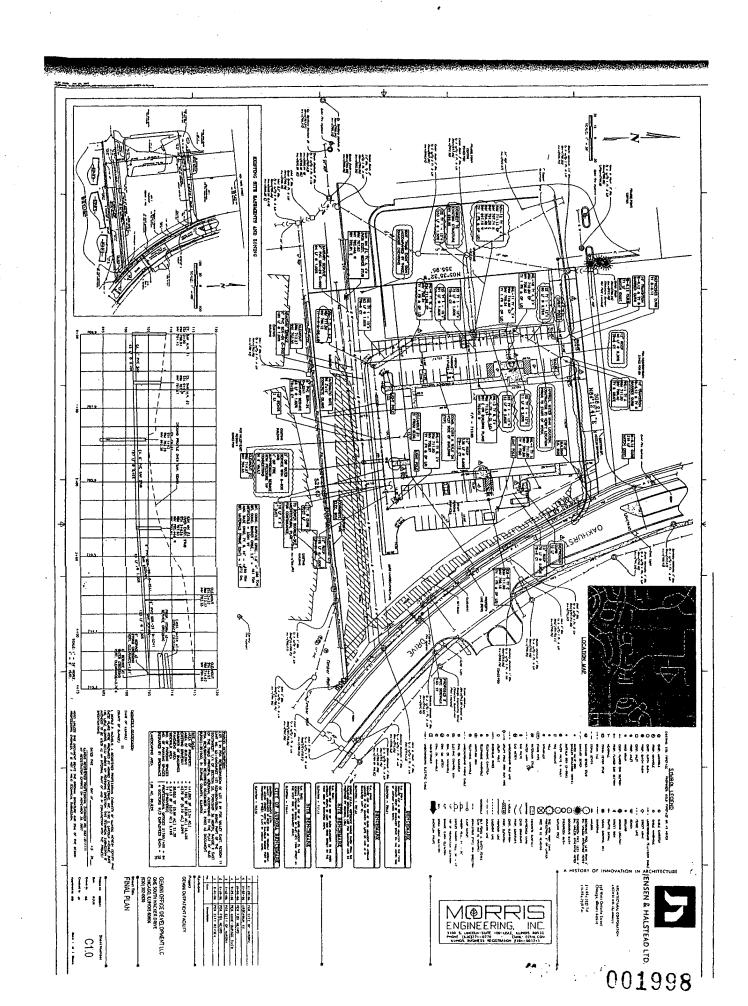












Aurora reviewing clinic approval

City hires law firm to check Planned Parenthood application process

August 28, 2007

By ANDRE SALLES Staff Writer

AURORA — Responding to the controversy surrounding a new Planned Parenthood clinic, the city of Aurora has hired a law firm to review its approval process for the far East Side business to make sure there was no wrongdoing.

Mayor Tom Weisner's chief of staff, Bill Wiet, said in a memo Monday that the city has hired Chicago attorney Richard Martens to examine the city's development process, which culminated in approval in November 2006. Martens is past chairman of the Chicago Bar Association Local Government Committee and serves on a committee for the Illinois Municipal League.

"This is definitely a rare occurrence," said city spokesman Carie Anne Ergo. "I don't know of another instance in which the city has done this."

Why this time? Ergo said there have been questions raised in recent weeks about whether Planned Parenthood might have taken an inappropriate tack by bringing the development in under the Gemini Development Corp. moniker. Though the development was approved in November, its specific use was only revealed last month, sparking outrage from antiabortion groups.

The city granted Planned Parenthood a 30-day temporary occupancy permit, which expires Sept. 17, prior to the center opening. Ergo said the goal is to have Martens' review completed by the following day, when the city will be asked to issue a permanent occupancy permit.

"If the review indicates that our laws have been followed, the city will be obligated to issue a final occupancy permit for the facility opening on Sept. 18, 2007," Wiet wrote in his memo.

Planned Parenthood/Chicago Area representatives could not be reached for comment Monday night.

News of the independent review pleased Eric Scheidler, communications director for the Chicago-based Pro-Life Action League. Scheidler's group has been picketing and protesting the new clinic since hearing about it, and he said he thinks Planned Parenthood deceived the city.

"I don't have the disadvantage of being a lawyer," he said. "I'm just a guy who thinks that if you lie to government officials, you ought to be held accountable."

Scheidler said he is glad to see the city "stepping up," and sees this move as a potential first step toward refusing to issue an occupancy permit, and opening the door to future litigation.

The Pro-Life Action League last week filed suit against the city, alleging that Aurora police compromised their free speech by giving conflicting information about where protesters could stand, or how they could display signs.

But Bonnie Grabenhofer, president of the Illinois chapter of the National Organization for Women, said she is outraged that the anti-abortion groups are "trying to intimidate the city." She said Aurora has been fair throughout the process, and she understands the city's desire to prove they did nothing wrong.

"Planned Parenthood did everything they were required to do," she said. "The city of Aurora did everything they were required to do. Hiring a lawyer to investigate that seems like a

waste of taxpayer money."

Both sides of the debate plan to speak at tonight's 6 p.m. City Council meeting. According to City Clerk Cheryl Vonhoff, more than 60 people have signed up to address the council on this issue.

Ergo said Martens has been placed on retainer, and the city has no estimate of how much his services will cost. But the savings in allaying future litigation could make it all worth it.

"We believe we have followed the letter of the law, and we're just taking additional steps to make sure that's the case," she said. "It's just a case of us crossing the Ts and dotting the Is."

Objections raised to choice of law firm planned parenthood process

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By ANDRE SALLES Staff Writer

AURORA — In response to objections from several aldermen, Mayor Tom Weisner has decided to allow the City Council to choose a new attorney to review the approval process for a controversial Planned Parenthood clinic on the far East Side.

The facility was approved in November 2006 by the Planning and Development Committee, and because the property on East New York Street was already zoned for a medical building, a sign-off by the full council was not required.

But questions have been raised in recent weeks over whether Planned Parenthood acted appropriately during the process. The development was approved under the name Gemini Office Development, and the true occupant of the building was not revealed until recently.

The clinic has been causing a stir in the community because it will provide abortions.

Earlier this week, the city hired Chicago lawyer Richard Martens to do a review of the approval process, hoping to have his report in hand by Sept. 17, when Planned Parenthood's temporary occupancy permit expires. But after asking for and receiving objections to Martens' hiring, Weisner has decided to leave it in the hands of the council.

Objections were filed by Aldermen Stephanie Kifowit, 3rd Ward; Rick Lawrence, 4th Ward; Chris Beykirch, 8th Ward; and Richard Irvin, at-large. The four are concerned that Martens rents office space at 20 N. Wacker Drive in Chicago from the city's outside legal counsel, Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins. Martens also worked as a summer legal clerk for the firm in 1968 and 1971.

City spokesman Carie Anne Ergo said the only criteria for selecting the independent reviewer was that he not have previously contracted with the city, or been linked with Planned Parenthood or anti-abortion organizations.

"Where he rents his office from is immaterial," Ergo said. "It's not a concern for the mayor."

But it is a concern for some aldermen, and the mayor has left it in the council's hands. He's tasked the two attorneys on the council, Irvin and Bob O'Connor, to select a suitable candidate—which could include Martens, if they chose—and gain consensus from the rest of the council.

O'Connor, however, is concerned there will not be enough time. The deadline set forth in Weisner's memo for the final report is Sept. 12, six days before a permanent occupancy permit would need to be issued to meet the original timeline. City officials estimate the investigation would take a week to complete, leaving the council only a couple of days next week to find a new independent attorney they can agree on.

"We can't be locked into that because it's not within our control," O'Connor said. "We'll be dealing with (attorneys who) have their own worlds, their own timing. I'm not positive we can say we can fit it into that time period."

Aldermen could extend the temporary occupancy permit to meet the needs of a longer investigation.

Ergo said the investigation needs to be done by the original deadline to "protect the taxpayers of Aurora against a potentially costly lawsuit" filed by Planned Parenthood.

"If the City Council is unable to reach a decision, the mayor is ready to step in and choose

an independent attorney," she said.

As for Martens, who has already substantially completed his investigation at \$185 an hour, he took the news in stride.

"The city needs to do whatever it feels comfortable with," he said. "Whatever works for the city works for me."

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New lawyer chosen to review Planned Parenthood application

September 8, 2007 By ANDRE SALLES Staff Writer

AURORA - Aldermen have selected a new attorney to conduct an investigation into Planned Parenthood's entry into Aurora.

The choice is Phillip A. Luetkehans, of the Itasca-based firm Schirott and Luetkehans. That firm has an extensive list of municipal clients over 36 years, including the cities of Geneva, St. Charles and Yorkville. Luetkehans is a resident of Wheaton, and formerly worked for the DuPage County state's attorney's office.

Luetkehans was selected by Aldermen-at-Large Bob O'Connor and Richard Irvin, the two attorneys on the City Council. Irvin said that both he and O'Connor received separate recommendations for Luetkehans over the last few days.

If approved by the full council, Luetkehans will begin next week looking into a development process that some have decried as deceptive. Planned Parenthood expects to open its new facility on East New York Street on Sept. 18, and has drawn controversy with its plans to perform abortions there.

The building was approved last year under the name Gemini Office Development, and the facility's true occupant was not revealed until recently. Some have charged that Planned Parenthood lied to aldermen to conceal its true identity. Under pressure from anti-abortion groups, the city agreed to an independent investigation last month.

The attorney that city staff selected, Chicago-based Richard Martens, was found to have connections with the city's outside legal counsel, Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins. Four aldermen objected, and Mayor Tom Weisner assigned O'Connor and Irvin to choose a replacement and gain consensus from the council.

In his memo to aldermen, O'Connor emphasized that Luetkehans has no connection with the city, its legal counsel, Planned Parenthood, or any anti-abortion or abortion rights groups. Aldermen have been asked to file any objections to Luetkehans' selection by Monday at noon.

"I don't see any objection," said Alderman Stephanie Kifowit, 3rd Ward. "I can't see why I would file anything."

Kifowit was one of the four who objected to Martens, along with Aldermen Rick Lawrence, 4th Ward; Chris Beykirch, 8th Ward; and Irvin. Beykirch agreed with Kifowit, saying that he "100 percent" supports the choice, and Lawrence said he is encouraged by what he saw in O'Connor's memo, but would continue to do his own research over the weekend.

Officials from Planned Parenthood said this week that they still plan to open on Sept. 18, although it is looking unlikely that the investigation will be completed by then. Weisner said Thursday that he would not issue an occupancy permit until the investigation is finished.

Council choses Barsanti

County's top lawyer to review Planned Parenthood approval

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By ANDRE SALLES Staff Writer

AURORA — Seemingly unable to find a suitable candidate to conduct an independent investigation into Planned Parenthood's approval process, the city of Aurora will turn to the highest legal authority in Kane County.

State's Attorney John Barsanti has agreed to review reports made by two other attorneys – Chicago-based Richard Martens and Itasca-based Phillip Luetkehans.

Both were chosen – first Martens, then Luetkehans – to conduct an independent review of the process by which Planned Parenthood received approval for its new 22,000-square-foot facility at East New York Street and Oakhurst Drive.

Some have charged that Planned Parenthood deceived the city by coming in under the name Gemini Office Development. Gemini received approval for the building in November, but the true occupant of the new facility was revealed only eight months later. City officials commissioned the independent review last month.

Four aldermen objected to the choice of Martens to conduct the review because of his connections with the city's outside legal counsel, Chicago-based Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins.

Aldermen Richard Irvin and Bob O'Connor then chose Luetkehans to replace Martens, but news broke last week that Luetkehans contributed to Irvin's failed mayoral campaign in 2005, raising doubts about his suitability for the job as well.

Aldermen discussed handing the matter over to Barsanti in an executive session Tuesday and, according to O'Connor, the idea met with unanimous approval.

"He's willing to step up and undertake the task, to his credit," O'Connor said. "We will certainly take advantage of it."

Barsanti will take up the review for free, officials said. Martens completed his report at a cost of \$185 per hour, and city officials could not be reached to confirm Luetkehans' fee.

Planned Rarenthood officials could not be reached for comment, although Planned Parenthood/Chicago Area CEO Steve Trombley has described the investigation as "politicized."

A federal judge is expected to rule Thursday on Planned Parenthood's request for an emergency injunction to open its doors.

Aurora Mayor Tom Weisner has said the city will not issue a permanent occupancy permit until the investigation is complete. The clinic's temporary occupancy permit expired Monday.

No timeline has been set for Barsanti's review, though O'Connor said Barsanti is "aware of the need for efficiency in this matter."